



DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND

56th DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Clinton, CT

OCTOBER 25-26, 2019

To the Reverend Clergy, Parish Councils and Faithful of the Diocese of New England,

The 56th New England Diocesan Assembly will convene on October 25-26, 2019, hosted by St. Alexis Church, Clinton, CT. Registration begins on Friday morning at 8:30 A.M. Clergy and Lay delegates are reminded that this is a two-day assembly, and all are expected to be present for the entire assembly.

Details regarding overnight accommodations, registration for the assembly - including delegate accreditation forms and travel details are included in this attachment. In the second attachment please find the draft minutes from the 55th Diocesan Assembly. Another email, early in September, will contain the proposed budget for 2020. All parishes are receiving this packet in electronic form only.

Please note that the deadline for the rooms is September 24th, the forms and banquet registration are **October 7th**. Please make every attempt to attend the banquet.

As indicated in the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the parish lay representative(s) are to be chosen by election — either at a general parish meeting or a parish council meeting, according to local practice. The number of lay representatives corresponds to the number of assigned (not attached) clergy — priests and deacons — in the parish. Vacant parishes may elect and send one (1) lay representative. Accordingly, lay representation to the 56th Assembly is on the enclosed sheet.

In order to send voting delegates to the Diocesan Assembly, parishes must be current with their Diocesan and OCA Fair Share that is at least through the fiscal year ending on August 31, 2019. Please note that lay delegates whose parish fair share is not current will be seated as observers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alexia Tassmer

August 2019

Hotel Information

Sleep Inn & Suites, 5 King Arthur, Niantic, CT 06357

(860) 739 1994 for reservations

Special group rate of \$79 (Thursday) \$139 (Friday)

Per night plus tax *Rate only through September 24th*

Group name "Diocese of New England"

Driving Directions

From Hotel to St. Alexis Church

108 E Main Street, Clinton, CT 06413

1. Start out going west on King Arthur Drive towards Flanders Rd/CT-161. 0.06 miles
2. First right onto Flanders Road/CT-161 .13miles
3. Merge onto I-95 South via ramp on left toward New Haven 16.35 miles
4. Take Exit 64 CT-145/Horse Hill Road towards Clinton .24miles
5. Left onto Horse Hill Rd/CT-145 .18miles
6. Right onto Old Clinton Rd/ CT-145 continue to follow CT-145 1.84miles
7. Right onto E Main Street/US-1South .32 miles
8. 108 E Main Street is St. Alexis Church.

Driving Directions

From St. Alexis Church

to Sleep Inn & Suites

5 King Arthur Drive, Niantic, CT 06357

1. Start out going east on E Main St/US-1North towards Liberty St. .32mi
2. 3rd Left onto Old Post Road/CT-145 continue to follow CT-145 1.85 miles
3. Left onto Horse Hill Road/ CT-145 .09 miles
4. Merge onto I-95 North toward New London 16.29 miles.
5. Exit 74 CT-161 towards Flanders/Niantic .12 miles
6. Left at fork in the ramp .02 miles
7. Straight onto King Arthur Dr .06 miles
8. Hotel is on Right



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Tentative Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
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Friday October 25, 2019

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	56th Assembly Registration	St. Alexis Church
10:00 a.m.	Opening Service of Thanksgiving	St. Alexis Church
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	1 st Plenary Session	St. Alexis Church
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	Congregational Church
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	2 nd Plenary Session	St. Alexis Church
5:00 p.m.	Vespers and Confession	St. Alexis Church
6:00 p.m.	Social Hour	Congregational Church
6:30 p.m.	Banquet	Congregational Church

Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	St. Alexis Church
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Brunch	Congregational Church
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	3 rd Plenary Session	St. Alexis Church



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CLERGY (PRIEST/DEACON) REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

PARISH _____

CITY _____

STATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Please RETURN this form by October 7, 2019 to:

Alexia Tassmer

95 South Orchard St

Wallingford, CT 06492

Any questions please call **Alexia** at 203-284-0856 atassmer@sbcglobal.net

<p>BANQUET- On Friday evening I will attend _____ I will not attend _____ Banquet Meal is a Buffet</p>

****Please note the Room Reservations September 24th Deadline!****

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DELEGATE / ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please circle if you are a delegate or an alternate)

PARISH: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____

The undersigned has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the 56th Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

Signature of Rector _____

Signature of Parish Secretary _____

PARISH SEAL

APPROVED: _____

Credentials _____

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DELEGATE / ALTERNATE

I am a member of my parish in good standing. I have received the mysteries of Confession and Communion at least annually for the past three years at my home parish. I am not under ecclesiastical interdict. I am not married outside of the Orthodox Church. I am not living in violation of Orthodox moral standards. I am not a member of any anti-church and/or secret societies (such as Masonic organizations).

Signature of Delegate / Alternate (Circle One) _____

Date _____

(Any departure from the above mentioned qualifications must be explained on a separate sheet of paper by the observer and the Rector and submitted to the Diocesan Bishop (Administrator) through the Credentials Committee for approval by the Bishop or administrator.)

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DIOCESAN LAY COUNCIL MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME PARISH: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____

Signature of Rector _____

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OBSERVER REGISTRATION FORM

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CITY _____ STATE: _____

The undersigned observer has been duly authorized by his/her parish to participate in the 56th Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of New England.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

Signature of Rector _____

PARISH SEAL

Signature of Parish Secretary _____

APPROVED: _____

Credentials _____

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Signature of Observer _____ **Date** _____

(Any departure from the above mentioned qualifications must be explained on a separate sheet of paper by the observer and the Rector and submitted to the Diocesan Bishop (Administrator) through the Credentials Committee for approval by the Bishop or administrator.)

Please RETURN with the Assembly Fee of \$50.00 per person.

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The **Assembly Fee** covers all the reports, all meals and the banquet.

Checks are payable to the DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND.